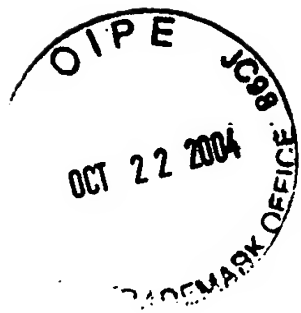


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Filed: May 10, 2002
For: Tooling Fixture
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Our Ref: 966913-00010 (Shanks & Herbert No.0203-0010)

Sir/Madam:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Response to Notice of Non-compliant amendment under 37 C.F.R § 1.121;
2. Copy of Notice of Non-compliant amendment; and
3. One return postcard.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0622.

Respectfully submitted,

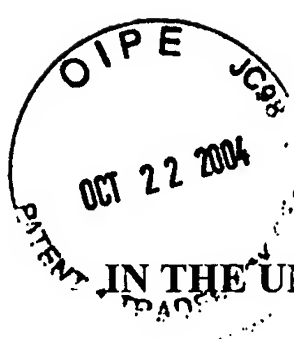
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Sir:

In response to the notice of non-compliant amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, mailed October 15, 2004, Applicants submit the following corrected section of the amendments filed October 05, 2004, deemed to be non-compliant.

Said amendments being in response to non-final Office Action, it is believed that Applicants have until November 15, 2004, to respond to the notice of non-compliant amendment. As such, it is believed that no extension of time for response is necessary. If an extension of time is deemed necessary, then such extension of time is hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and any fees required thereof may be charged to our deposit account number 50-0622.

Applicants hereby re-submit the entire "Amendments to the claims" section of applicants' prior filed response and amendments.